

if I should have the happiness of seeing them seeking the Saviour, and that now, as my dear Charlotte had left me, they should try as much as possible to fill her place to me. They both cried very much, and said they knew what I told them was true, and that they were very bad and dark-hearted. From this time I could see an evident difference in them both. Dear Mary Ann became quite a changed girl, and, we have every reason to suppose, a decided christian. She tried in every way to please me and be a daughter to me. We all loved her very much, and never, as far as I remember, had reason to reprove her.

As she was a great chief, she was very much annoyed by the heathen chiefs.—When preparations for a feast were going on especially, they insisted upon her assisting in some heathen ceremonies, but she never yielded. She and some others of our first converts were often much persecuted by the heathen, and their lives were threatened.

About the time Mary Ann became serious she formed an acquaintance with a young man from the other side of the island. They soon became strongly attached to each other, and, as they were both promising young people, we were pleased to see it. After Mr Inglis settled at the other side he appointed the young man as a teacher to a distant village, and, as we knew of no obstacle to prevent, we all thought it better for him and Mary Ann to be married, that she might assist and cheer him in his labours.

When some of the old people, who were still very dark and superstitious, learned that Mary Ann was to be married, they endeavoured to prevent it, assigning as a reason that when she was made a chief one of the conditions was that she was never to marry. However, the good sense of the chiefs and christian people overruled these objections. When the "John Williams" was here on a visit, the year before she went home last, they were married in the Church before a very large assembly, and immediately left for Mr Inglis' station.

After Mary Ann was settled in the "land" to which they were appointed as teachers, we did not see her very often, as the place was distant and the road very bad. But she never failed to write to me by every opportunity. Her letters were very affectionate, and written in a most pious strain. In almost every

one of them she thanked me for my care and instruction, and always added, "What would I have been now Misse, if you had not taken care of me. You are my mother, and, although I love my parents, I love you and Misi Atainaig (Mr Geddie) better than I do them."

Mr Inglis was very much pleased with our dear Mary Ann as a teacher. Last July she wrote me she was not well from the effects of a bad cold. Her husband got medicine from Mr Inglis, which relieved her, but did not remove the complaint, which proved to be an affection of the membrane lining the windpipe.—She suffered much pain, and her strength rapidly failed. In October H. M. S. *Herald* called here. We immediately sent for Mary Ann, and consulted the Doctor about her. He approved of all that Mr Inglis and Mr Geddie had done for her, but gave us little hope of her recovery. From this time she remained at her father's, who lives close beside us.

In as gentle a manner as possible I told her that the Doctor thought her very ill, and said it was doubtful if she would recover, and added she was in the hands of a kind heavenly Father, who, if he thought fit to restore her, was able to do so. I was surprised to hear her say with the greatest calmness that she did not expect to recover, and that she felt very happy at the thought of going to her Saviour. Her parents, husband, and sisters, who were present, could not restrain their grief, but she remained quite composed.

From this time I visited her daily and read portions of Scripture to her. Mr Geddie also visited her frequently and prayed with her. Her strength gradually decayed, and she suffered very much from pain in her throat and severe cough. She could not swallow any thing without great pain, yet she always appeared cheerful and happy. She talked a great deal to her parents, brothers and sisters, advising and urging them to be zealous and devoted to the cause of Christ. To her two sisters, who are mothers, she gave much good advice about bringing up their children. To her eldest sister, who often disputed with her husband, she talked very seriously, and told her how happy she and William—her own husband—had lived together, and urged her and her husband to follow their example, as they too might soon have to part and give account of themselves to God.